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Non-Patent Literature Documents 1- 4 (Exhibits A – D) are discussed in Amendment (E), filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, no further comment with regard to the

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It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A and, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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